

# Jacobs' cracker sparks Lions' battle to bite the Buffalo

## ICE HOCKEY

**Basingstoke Buffalo 3**  
**Lee Valley Lions 4**  
(ENL South B)

THE Lions had lost the corresponding fixture 6-16 last month and showed great determination to make a mark this time.

Buffalo opened the scoring with a short-handed goal, Mark Pitts putting the puck past George Alley while team-mate Ryan

Cathcart was sin-binned. Lions' Michael Jacobs equalised on 10mins 51secs with a nifty goal that was assisted by Michael Ranby and Stas Prokofiev.

Both sides held strong, but it was the Lions who slipped into the lead on 17mins 01secs.

This time Ranby came to the fore and Andrew Holdaway got his first point of the season with an assist.

In the second period Basingstoke scored first to

equalise through Daniel Lackey. There was jubilation amongst the Lions at 35mins 50secs when a shot from Scott Beeson put them 3-2 ahead.

Tension and excitement ran high during the final period as Lee Valley could sense they were on the verge of causing a major upset against a team sitting six places above them in third spot.

Basingstoke looked to have robbed the Lions of at

least one point when Tom Pope scored at 48mins 02secs. But Scott Beeson had one final trick to pull, scoring his second of the night at 49mins 29secs.

Lee Valley did enough after that to hold on for a memorable win that will boost them ahead of their next fixture with new team, Chelmsford Warriors.

The game will be at the Lee Valley Ice Centre on Saturday December 1, face-off 5.30pm.



**Lions double scorer Scott Beeson** (Photo: Julianne Bonner)